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TABLE 1. OPEN SEASONS, ALL DATES INCLUSIVE.

Species	Open Season	Daily Bag	Possession Limit
Sora Rail	Sep. 1 - Nov. 7	5	15
Virginia Rail	Sep. 1 - Nov. 7	10	30
Snipe	Sep. 1 - Dec. 16	8	24
Woodcock	Oct. 5-4 - Oct. 29 <u>28</u>	3	9
	Oct. 31-30 - Nov. 19 <u>18</u>	3	9
Ducks ^A Berkshire	Oct. 10 - Nov. 26 <u>25</u>	6*	18*
	Dec. 5-4 - Dec. 24 <u>23</u> <u>25</u>	6*	18*
Ducks ^A Central	Oct. 11-10-9 - Nov. 26 <u>25</u>	6*	18*
	Dec. 12-11 - Jan. - 21 <u>Dec. 30</u>	6*	18*
Ducks ^A Coastal	Oct. 14-13 - Oct. 22 <u>21</u>	6*	18*
	Nov. 17-16 - Jan. 16 <u>15</u>	6*	18*
American Coot	Same Dates as Ducks	15	45
Mergansers ^B	Same Dates as Ducks	5*	15*
Geese Berkshire (except blue & snow)	Oct. 10 - Nov. 26 <u>25</u>	3	9
	Dec. 5-4 - Dec. 13	3	9
Geese Central (except blue & snow)	Oct. 11-10 <u>9</u> - Nov. 26 <u>25</u>	3	9
	Dec. 12-11 - Jan. 13 <u>12</u> <u>11</u>	3	9
Geese Coastal (except blue & snow)	Oct. 14-13 - Oct. 22 <u>21</u>	3	9
	Nov. 17-16 - Jan. 27 <u>26</u>	3	9
Early Canada Goose (Statewide)	Sep. 6-5 - Sep. 23 <u>22</u>	7	21
Late Canada Goose (Central)	Jan. 16-15 <u>20</u> - Feb. 4 <u>5</u> <u>10</u>	5	15
Late Canada Goose (North Coastal)	Jan. 28-27 - Feb. 15	5	15
Snow & Blue Goose	Same Dates as Ducks	15	45
Late Snow & Blue Goose (Central)	Same as Late Canada Goose	15	45
Late Snow & Blue Goose (North Coastal)	Same as Late Canada Goose	15	45
Sea Ducks ^C (Scoter, Eider, Long-tailed duck)	Nov. 21-20 - Jan. 28 <u>27</u>	5**	15**
Brant (Coastal Only)	Nov. 21-20 - Jan. 27 <u>8</u>	2	6
Falconry (Ducks and Coot only, no Geese)	Oct. 8-9 - Feb. 8 <u>9</u>	3*	9*
Youth Waterfowl Hunt ^D (Ducks, Coots, Mergansers and Geese Only)	Sep. 24-23 & Oct. 8 <u>7</u>	6*	18*

* Singly or in the aggregate

**In Sea duck zone (Count as regular ducks in all other zones): five singly or in the aggregate, but no more than four scoter, four eider (one female), four long-tailed duck (oldsquaw) in the daily bag. 15 in possession, but no more than twelve scoter, twelve eider (three females), twelve long-tailed ducks.

A. The bag may contain no more than: four scoter (twelve in possession); four long-tailed duck (twelve in possession); four eider, only one of which may be a female (twelve in possession, including no more than three females); four mallards, only two of which may be a female (twelve in possession, including no more than six females); three wood ducks (nine in possession); two redheads (six in possession); two scaup (six in possession); ~~one-two~~ black ducks ~~(three-six~~ in possession); ~~two-one~~ pintail (~~six-three~~ in possession); one mottled duck (three in possession); one fulvous whistling duck (three in possession); two canvasback (six in possession). All other ducks (Sea Ducks, see Note C), no more than four of any one species in the daily bag (twelve in possession). SEASON CLOSED on harlequin ducks.

B. Daily bag of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers (no more than six hooded mergansers in possession).

C. Scoter, eider, and long-tailed (oldsquaw) ducks shall be hunted only in coastal waters and waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge during the open sea duck season. Sea ducks when taken ~~in~~ the Central and Berkshire Zones shall become part of the regular daily duck bag.

D. On September ~~2423~~, ~~2016-2017~~ and October ~~87~~, ~~2016~~~~2017~~, there shall be a youth waterfowl hunt in all counties of the state for minors aged 12 through ~~15-17~~ years of age only. During this youth waterfowl hunt, such minors may hunt ducks, geese, mergansers, and coot during the period from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset, with a bag limit of six, possession 18, singly or in the aggregate, subject to the species restrictions in 321 CMR 3.02(2), Table 1A and 1B. All such minors must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt in Massachusetts and who possesses a Massachusetts waterfowl stamp. No adult may be accompanied by more than one minor, and no more than one firearm may be carried. The licensed adult may not hunt, but may carry the minor's firearm when unloaded and cased. During this youth waterfowl hunt, minors aged 12 through 14 years shall not be required to possess a hunting or sporting license and a Massachusetts and Federal waterfowl stamp. Minors aged ~~15-17~~ years shall possess a Massachusetts hunting or sporting license and a Massachusetts waterfowl stamp, but need not possess a Federal waterfowl stamp. All minors shall otherwise conform to all provisions of M.G.L. c. 131 and 321 CMR 3.02(2) not excepted or specified in 321 CMR 3.02(2)(b), Table 1E.

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